

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The veterans of this great state and nation have made the ultimate sacrifices for their fellow country men and women in the name of freedom and democracy; and,

Whereas, The Sioux Falls' veteran service organizations are now helping homeless veterans and those veterans in need; and,

Whereas, The Sioux Falls Stand Down will allow veterans to help fellow veterans; and,

Whereas, All veterans are welcome to this gathering of local, county, state, and federal veterans' services; and,

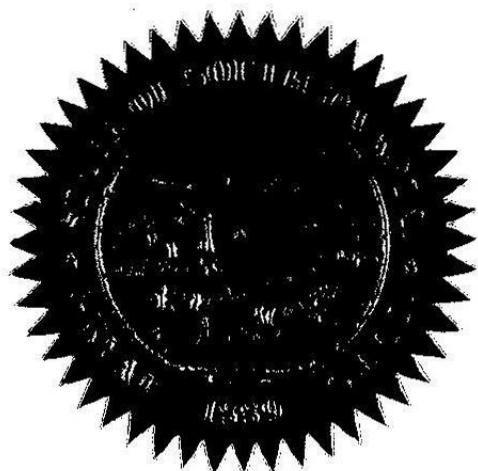
Whereas, When the community reaches out to homeless veterans, veterans in need, and their families, it strengthens ties between the homeless and those who really care. Military reservists, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Department of Labor, veteran service organizations, and members of the local community do just that as they call veterans in from the urban battlefield to give them a hand up, not a hand out:

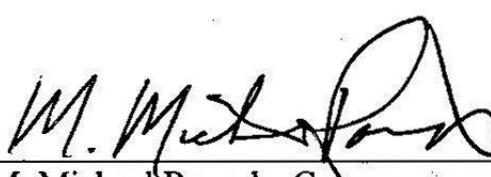
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 10 and 11, 2004, as

VETERANS STAND DOWN DAYS

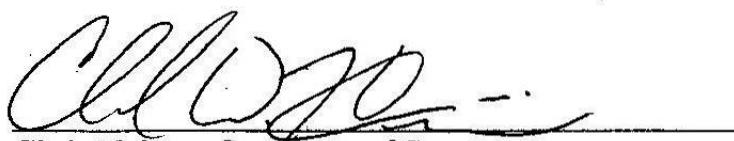
in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State
By Deputy